GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:138
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001
INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF PDS ITEMS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have increased the procurement price of wheat, rice and sugar several times meant for sale through the PDS during the last three years, till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made assessment of the cost of production before increasing the price of procurement;

(d) if so, the cost of production at the time of each price increase made effective in this regard;

(e) the criteria fixed for price increase in this regard;

(f) whether the Public Distribution System has been badly affected due to price rise of PDScommodities in different States particularly in Bihar;
(g) if so, the details thereof;
(h) the details of the loss suffered by FCI due to delay in releasing of foodgrains quotato various States under PDS particularly to Bihar; and
(i) the steps initiated by the Government to improve situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),(h) &
(i) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),(h) &
(i) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2001.

(a) & (b) : The details of procurement prices of wheat and levy rice for the last three years are indicated in Annexures - I & II.

The Government of India notifies Zonalex-factory levy sugar prices for every sugar season . The Zonal ex-factory levy sugar prices for the sugar seasons 1997-98 to 2000-2001 are at Annexure-III.

(c), (d) & (e) : The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities are fixed by the Government taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), views of State Governments and Central Ministries as well as other relevant factors. While recommending MSPs, the CACP keeps in viewthe need to provide incentive to the producer for adopting improved technology and for developing a production pattern broadly in the light of national requirements, the need to ensure rational utilisation of land, water and other production resources, and the likely effect of price policy on the rest of the economy, particularly on the cost of living, level of wages, industrial cost structure, etc.

The cost of production of levy sugar used for Public Distribution System is determined after taking into accountthe Statutory Minimum Price notified for sugarcane, manufacturing cost of sugar, i.e., conversion cost and duty or tax, if any, paid or payable thereon prescribed under sub section 3(c) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.While fixing the ex-factory levy sugar price, a reasonable return on the capital employed is also taken into account. The manufacturing cost of sugar is computed on the basis of cost schedules recommended by an expert body like the Tariff Commission/Cost Accounts Branch of the Ministry of Finance.

2. The details in regard to the cost of production of paddy, wheat and sugar are given in Annexures IV to VI.

(f) & (g) : The offtake of wheat and rice for the whole country under TPDS during theperiod from April 2000 to January, 2001 and the corresponding period last year was as follows :

(Fig. In Lakh Tonnes)

	2000-2001		1999-2000	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
BPL	30.68	50.64	23.76	31.76
APL	1.68	15.24	23.87	60.15

The offtake in Bihar was as follows :

	2000-2001		1999-2000	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
BPL	3.83	1.29	5.5	1.9
APL	0.01	0.01	0.37	0.02

(h) & (i) : The position is being ascertained.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 2-3-2001.

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES OF WHEAT FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS

(Rs. per quintal)

Marketing Year	Wheat
1997-98	475.00 @
1998-99	510.00$
1999-2000	550.00
2000-2001	580.00

(@) - Including Bonus of Rs.60/- per quintal from 17.3.97 to 30.6.97

($) - Including Bonus of Rs.55/- per quintal from 1.4.98 to 30.6.98

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 2-3-2001. PROCUREMENT PRICES FOR LEVY RICE (RAW & PARBOILED) DURING 1997-98,1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001 KHARIF MARKETING SEASON.

PRICE OF LEVY RICE REGION	RATE Rs./QTLS. 1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	COMMON GRADE`A`		COMMON GRADE`A`		COMMON GRADE`A`		COMMON GRADE`A`	
	RAW	PARBOILED	RAW	PARBOILED	RAW	PARBOILED	RAW	PARBOILED
ANDHRA PRADESH	735.10	738.70	784.40	787.20	783.40	786.30	832.70	834.80
ASSAM	691.80	696.00	737.90	741.40	737.50	741.00	783.60	786.40
BIHAR	704.20	708.20	751.20	754.50	-	-	-	-
CHANDIGARH	716.50	720.40	764.40	767.60	763.70	766.90	811.60	814.10
DELHI	729.40	733.10	778.20	781.20	780.70	783.60	829.80	831.90
GUJARAT	-	-	-	-	721.00	724.80	766.00	769.20
HARYANA	729.40	733.10	778.20	781.20	780.70	783.60	829.80	831.90
KARNATAKA	679.40	683.80	724.60	728.80	724.30	728.10	769.60	772.60
MADHYA PRADESH	679.40	683.80	724.60	728.80	724.30	728.10	769.60	772.60
MAHARASHTRA	680.50	684.90	25.70	729.40	725.50	729.20	770.60	773.70
ORISSA	710.30	714.30	757.80	761.60	757.20	760.40	804.60	807.20
PONDICHERRY	673.20	677.70	717.90	721.80	717.80	721.60	762.50	765.70
PUNJAB	736.60	740.20	786.00	788.80	788.40	791.20	838.00	840.10
RAJASTHAN	720.20	724.00	768.40	771.50	767.70	770.80	815.90	818.20
UTTAR PRADESH	707.20	711.20	754.50	757.80	757.20	760.40	804.60	807.20
WEST BENGAL	676.30	680.70	721.30	725.00	721.00	724.80	766.00	769.20

	794.10	796.80	838.90	841.00	822.70	825.00	868.00	869.70
	870.90	872.50	920.40	921.30	903.60	904.70	953.70	954.00
	849.50	851.60	897.90	899.10	881.30	882.70	930.00	930.70
	838.00	840.10	885.50	886.80	868.90	870.60	917.00	918.00
	797.80	800.40	842.80	844.80	826.60	828.80	872.10	873.70

ANNEXURE-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 FOR ANSWER IN

THE LOK SABHA ON 2-3-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ZONAL EX-FACTORY LEVY SUGAR PRICES FOR THREE SUGAR SEASONS VIZ. 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 AND 2000-2001.

Rs./Qtl

S.No.	Zones	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Punjab	1044.76	1082.32	1075.18	1278.57
2.	Haryana	1000.80	1056.51	1053.25	1150.08
3.	Rajasthan	1101.44	1194.89	1139.07	1210.14
4.	West Uttar Pradesh	1011.17	1039.79	1051.67	1135.75
5.	Central Uttar Pradesh	1012.61	1049.09	1075.41	1160.81
6.	East Uttar Pradesh	1045.55	1137.79	1160.20	1263.48
7	North Bihar	1125.81	1171.51	1085.43	1165.24
8.	South Gujarat	930.66	981.57	1050.78	1104.90
9.	Saurashtra	1062.45	1051.89	1126.38	1130.92
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1088.04	1117.30	1175.73	1265.34
11.	Central Maharashtra	985.31	1008.49	1086.45	1119.42
12.	South Maharashtra	991.35	1028.74	1118.63	1169.54
13.	North Maharashtra	1019.11	1081.67	1169.03	1186.40
14.	N.W. Karnataka	993.02	1008.28	1143.59	1190.72
15.	Rest of Karnataka	1009.11	1028.37	1102.72	1147.24
16.	Andhra Pradesh	1087.07	1092.77	1189.34	1239.02
17.	T N & Pondicherry	1048.54	1069.82	1177.93	1220.49
18.	Assam/West Bengal /Orissa/Nagaland	1438.14	1460.58	1091.51	1171.63
19.	Kerala/Goa/CO.Karnataka	1086.12	1125.07	1232.44	1283.56

ANNEXURE-IV

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c),(d) & (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 2-3-2001.

COST OF CULTIVATION OF PADDY (C-3)

Rs. Per Qtl.

S.No.	State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Andhra radesh	439	485	518
2.	Assam	444	521	517
3.	Haryana	521	559	569
4.	Madhya radesh	413	492	502
5.	Orisaa	383	410	434
6.	Punjab	350	388	425

7 Uttar Padesh - 391 426

8. West Bengal 410 459 497

Cost C3 : Total cost including managerial input of the farmers.

ANNEXURE-V

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 2-3-2001.

COST OF CULTIVATION OF WHEAT (C-3)
Rs.Per Qtl.

S.No. State 1998-99 1999-2000 2000-2001

1. Gujarat 470.21 531 529

2. Haryana 407.25 415 459

3. Madhya Pradesh 541.90 550 590

4. Punjab 443.70 450 466

5. Rajasthan 456.59 466 499
6. Uttar Pradesh - 436 470

Cost C3 : Total cost including managerial inputs of the farmers

ANNEXURE-VI

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 138 FOR ANSWER IN THE LOK SABHA ON 2-3-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ZONAL COST OF PRODUCTION CONSIDERED AT THE TIME OF FIXATION OF EX-FACTORY LEVY SUGAR PRICES

Rs./Qtl.

S.No. Zones 1997-98 1998-99 1999-2000 2000-2001

1. Punjab 924.47 961.51 942.56 1152.19

2. Haryana 880.51 935.70 920.63 1023.70

3. Rajastahn 981.15 1074.08 1006.45 1083.76

4. West Uttar Pradesh 890.88 918.98 919.05 1009.37

5. Central Uttar Pradesh 892.32 928.28 942.79 1034.43
6. East Uttar Pradesh 925.26 1016.98 1027.58 1137.10

7 North Bihar 1005.52 1050.70 952.81 1038.86

8. South Gujarat 810.37 860.76 918.16 978.52

9. Saurashtra 942.16 931.08 993.76 1004.54
10. Madhya Pradesh 967.75 996.49 1043.11 1138.96
11. Central Maharashtra 865.02 887.68 953.83 993.04
12. South Maharashtra 871.06 907.93 986.01 1043.16
13. North Maharashtra 898.82 960.86 1036.41 1060.02
14. N.W. Karnataka 872.73 887.47 1010.97 1064.34
15. Rest of Karnataka 888.82 907.56 970.10 1020.86
16. Andhra Pradesh 966.78 971.96 1056.72 1112.64
17. Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry 928.25 949.01 1045.31 1094.11
18. Assam/W.B./Orissa/Nagaland 1317.85 1339.77 958.89 1045.25
19. Kerala/Goa/CO. Karnataka 965.83 1004.26 1099.82 1157.18